

2009 New Jersey National FFA Officer Candidate Selection Process Timeline

2009 Theme – Agriculture Current Events and Issues

March 15, 2009 –

- ? American FFA Degree Applications Due

April 1, 2009 –

- ? Candidates Submit Letter of Application to Office of Agricultural Education
- ? After the letter of application is submitted, the candidate will be sent a National Officer Candidate Development Form to complete (Due June 1) It is also available on the state Activity Guide (“Candidate Development Form”).

(See Additional Information in National Officer Selection Process Handbook - http://www.ffa.org/students/html/documents/no_nomcomm_handbook.pdf)

Part 1 - Letter of Application

A letter of application is usually your first introduction when applying for a position with an organization. The letter of application should give the reader a reason to look at your resume. There are several common components to include in your letter of application. They are listed below. A successful letter of application will articulately and passionately address why you desire to serve as a National FFA Officer in 1,000 words or less.

Some components to consider in your letter of application:

1. Date of letter
2. Address to 2006 Nominating Committee Members; 6060 FFA Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268
3. Introductory paragraph
4. Paragraph about your background or experience which you believe qualifies you for the responsibility of national office.
5. One to two paragraphs addressing why you desire to serve as a National FFA Officer.
6. A concluding paragraph moving the reader to consider you
7. Appropriate close and typed name (as signature)

April 15, 2009 – (*Tentative Date based on National FFA Announcement*) Stand and Deliver Practicum Hot Topics, Facilitation Practicum Hot Topics, and Written Essay Theme Announced

May 1, 2009 – 7 Copies of National Officer Candidate Paper Application Due to Office of Agricultural Education (including resume and letters of reference; Form 1-5 “Convention Info” does not need to be completed)

May 20, 2009 – Introduction of New Jersey’s National Officer Candidates at Convention Session IV (7:30pm)

June 1, 2009 – Submit 7 copies of National Officer Candidate Development Form to Office of Agricultural Education

Tentative - Wednesday, July 1, 2009 – National Officer Candidate Selection Process

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Selection Committee will be composed of 5 to 7 people representing:

- a) FFA members (preferably at least one representative from 2008 or 2009 State Officer Nominating Committee)
- b) Agriculture, food and natural resource education teachers
- c) FFA Alumni or FFA Foundation
- d) Advisory Council Member/ Business Representative
- e) Education

Tentative Schedule for the day will be

(Please note times may vary based on number of candidates):

- ? 9:00 – 9:20 am – Welcome and Introductions
- ? 9:25 – 10:25 am - Written Test (50 questions – 1 hour)
Briefing of Selection Committee/ Question Development
- ? 10:30 – 11:15 am - Written Essay (note: This may be the SAE Essay)
Selection Committee continues question selection/ development
- ? 11:20am – 12:10 pm – One-on-One Interview (5 minutes with each committee member)
- ? 12:10 – 12:50 pm – Lunch Break
- ? 1:00 – 1:45 pm - Stand and Deliver Practicum (20 minutes preparation, 5 minute presentation, 5 minutes questions)
- ? 1:45 – 2:15 pm – Round Robin Issues Conversation (2 – 10 minute interviews representing different stake holders)
- ? 2:20 – 3:45 pm - Facilitation Practicum (45 minutes of preparation with 10 minute presentation)
- ? 3:50 – 4:15 pm - Personal Interview Round – (10 minutes each candidate)
- ? 4:20 – 5:00 pm – Committee Deliberations
- ? 5:00 pm - New Jersey's National FFA Officer Candidate Announced